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## I. General

- A. Fructexport became an independent organization on 15 September 1950, when the former Prolexport was liquidated and the following three companies were set up in its place:

Fructexport  
Prodexport  
Prodaliment.

- B. Fructexport deals with the export and import of:

1. Wines, wine extracts, grapes, alcohol 96% (under the "Wines Office").
2. Sugar, candy, cherry and apricot juice, starch, glucose (under the "Sugar Office").
3. Fresh fruit, dried fruit, canned vegetables, biscuits, pastes (under the "Fruit and Vegetable Office").

## II. Location of Fructexport.

- A. Head Office: Strada General Magheru No. 1, Bucharest.
- B. Branches: at Focsani; Iasi; Galati; Ploesti; Arad; Oradea Mare; Teremia Mare. (These branches do not belong to Fructexport exclusively. They are controlled by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and serve all the enterprises coming under the Ministry. The only representatives of Fructexport at the branches are some technical advisers.)

### III. Organization of Fructexport.

- A. Head Office.
1. General Manager.

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2. Commercial Director. He is responsible for drawing up contracts for the purchase and sale of products to be exported.
3. Administrative Director. He is responsible for receipts and expenditure.
4. Director of Accountancy. Controls all expenses.

B. Advisers.

Fructexport employs six advisers. Two of them are responsible for the fixing of prices to be charged to importing countries.

IV. Suppliers of Fructexport.

- A. In order to obtain the products required for export, Fructexport has to apply to the Food Ministry and to the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministries thereupon inform the company from which factories and depots the products are to be received.

The suppliers of the "Wines Office"

1. Mat - this is an industrial body, owning factories, coming under the Food Ministry. It supplies Fructexport with wines, wine extracts and alcohol.
2. Gostat - this is an organization dealing with all the Rumanian farms. It comes under the Ministry of Agriculture. Gostat supplies Fructexport with wines.
3. Aprozar - this is an organization dealing with the fruit and vegetable crops; it also comes under the Ministry of Agriculture. It supplies Fructexport with grapes.

- B. Although the Ministries allocate to Fructexport the required products from the above named institutions, the company encounters difficulties in obtaining the necessary quantities, because of the low prices paid for export goods. The official price for wine within the country is 385 Lei, while the export price for the same quantity of the same wine is 180 Lei. The price for alcohol within the country is 600 Lei while the export price is 66 Lei only. Therefore neither Mat nor Gostat are very eager to supply the products for export, and they are deliberately delaying the execution of those orders.

V. Products Exported and Their Destinations.

Few details are available on exported products.

A. Wines and grapes.

Large quantities of these are exported to Czechoslovakia and slightly smaller quantities to Poland. None of these products are bought by the Western countries, as French wines are much cheaper.

B. Wine extracts.

Small quantities are delivered to Holland, and herrings are imported in exchange. Formerly Russia used to import large quantities of this product; however, nowadays they import it from Bulgaria as this is of a better quality.

C. Ninety-six Percent Alcohol.

Nearly all of it is exported to the USSR. In 1951 approximately 1,500,000 liters were sent there. Apparently production is insufficient, as it became necessary to annul a contract for 1,000 tons which had been concluded with Czechoslovakia in order to meet the Russian demands.

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D. Starch and glucose are delivered to Hungary and Bulgaria.

VI. Other Enterprises of the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

The following details are known regarding other enterprises under the Ministry.

A. Prodexport.

1. Location: Strada Ion Ghica No. 3, Bucharest.
2. General Manager: A Russian woman, belonging to the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party.
3. Products dealt in: Frozen meat, and poultry, eggs, salamis (sausages) and salted meat, hog bristles, canned fish.

B. Prodaliment.

This is not a proper export organization. Its task is to provide Prodexport with products for export. It has under its supervision the undermentioned factories:

1. Burdujeni - producing salamis (sausages) and salted meat.
2. Salonita - a freezing plant where poultry is frozen.
3. Romano Export.

Location: General Magheru No. 1, Bucharest.

4. Chimimport.

At one time it was located in the premises now occupied by Fructexport.

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A P P E N D I XPERSONALITIES

Name	Office	Description
1. Volka Barak	Technical adviser to the Wines Office of Fructexport.	52 years old, Jewish.
2. Blagoviscenski	Head of Section of Wines Office of Fructexport.	49 years old, tall, brown hair.
3. Cernat	Adviser of Fructexport.	38 years old, tall, brown hair.
4. Galmanovici	Technical adviser to the Wines Office of Fructexport.	55 years old, tall, growing grey.
5. Dimian	Head of the Accountancy of Fructexport.	40-42 years, small, brown hair, Party member, anti-Semite.
6. Feldman	Technical Adviser of the Wines Office of Fructexport.	35 years old, average height, stout, brown hair.
7. Gorvitz	Head of the Administration.	64 years old, average height, bald, Jewish.
8. Hamer	Manager of the Fruit and Vegetables Office of Fruct-export.	28-30 years old, tall, blond, Jewish, very capable.
9. Mircea Ionescu	Technical adviser to the Wines Office of Fructexport.	40 years old, small, brown hair.
10. Mihnea Engineer	- idem -	45 years old, average height, blond.
11. Suzin	General Manager of Fruct-export.	40 years old, tall, Jewish, Party member.
12. Sachelaride	Commercial Director of Fructexport.	42 years old, tall, brown hair, Party member.
13. Strejaru	Adviser to Fructexport.	42 years old, average height, white haired, Jewish, Party member.
14. Sobescianski	Head of the Wines Office of Fructexport.	38 years old, tall.
15. Stefanescu	Head of the Sugar Office	38 years old, average height, brown hair, Party member.
16. Samson		36-37 years old, small, brown hair, Jewish.
17. Tischler	Head of the Accountancy at Prodexport.	40 years old, small, stout, brown hair, Jewish.
18. Vernescu	Section Manager of the Sugar Office at Fructexport.	38 years old, average height, thin, brown hair, Jewish.
19. Milea Vulich	General Manager of Prodexport.	40 years old, average height, blond, Russian.
20. Weiss	Administrative Director of Fructexport.	45 years old, small, blond, Jewish, Party member.
21. Weissman	Technical adviser to the Wines Office of Fructexport.	62 years old, average height, white haired, Party member.

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